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A Word From Monte  
J. Goble, President  
Appalachia Way  
Association

Our approaching Convention in that delightful city of the Bluegrass—Lexington, Ky.—on April 5 next, bids fair to bring together the largest gathering of prominent men interested in the development of their States, cities, towns and communities, thru the addition of better transportation facilities than has ever been known before in the State of Kentucky.

Hon. Wm. J. Fields, Governor of Kentucky, has not only shown his interest by agreeing to be present and to address us, but has issued from the executive office a special invitation to the Governors Lieutenant Governors and to the Chairmen of the Highway Commissions of each of the other nine States thru which the Appalachian Way passes. In addition we have for sometime, thru the newspapers, the banks, the hotels, the automobile clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic organizations from Illinois to Florida, been advertising the Convention and inviting delegates.

The people of Kentucky, including those sections of scenic Virginia and Tennessee territory thru which our Highway is destined to pass, especially have at heart the great importance of seeing this Highway a completed proposition, opening into their sections as it will a vast tide of valuable traffic from the great Northwest, as well as from the great and rapidly developing Southeast. The merchant cannot sell his goods until he displays them. No more can the sections of the States mentioned expect to see the full development of their natural resources until the outside world is admitted thru and can visualize the great treasures that have for many years been lying latent.

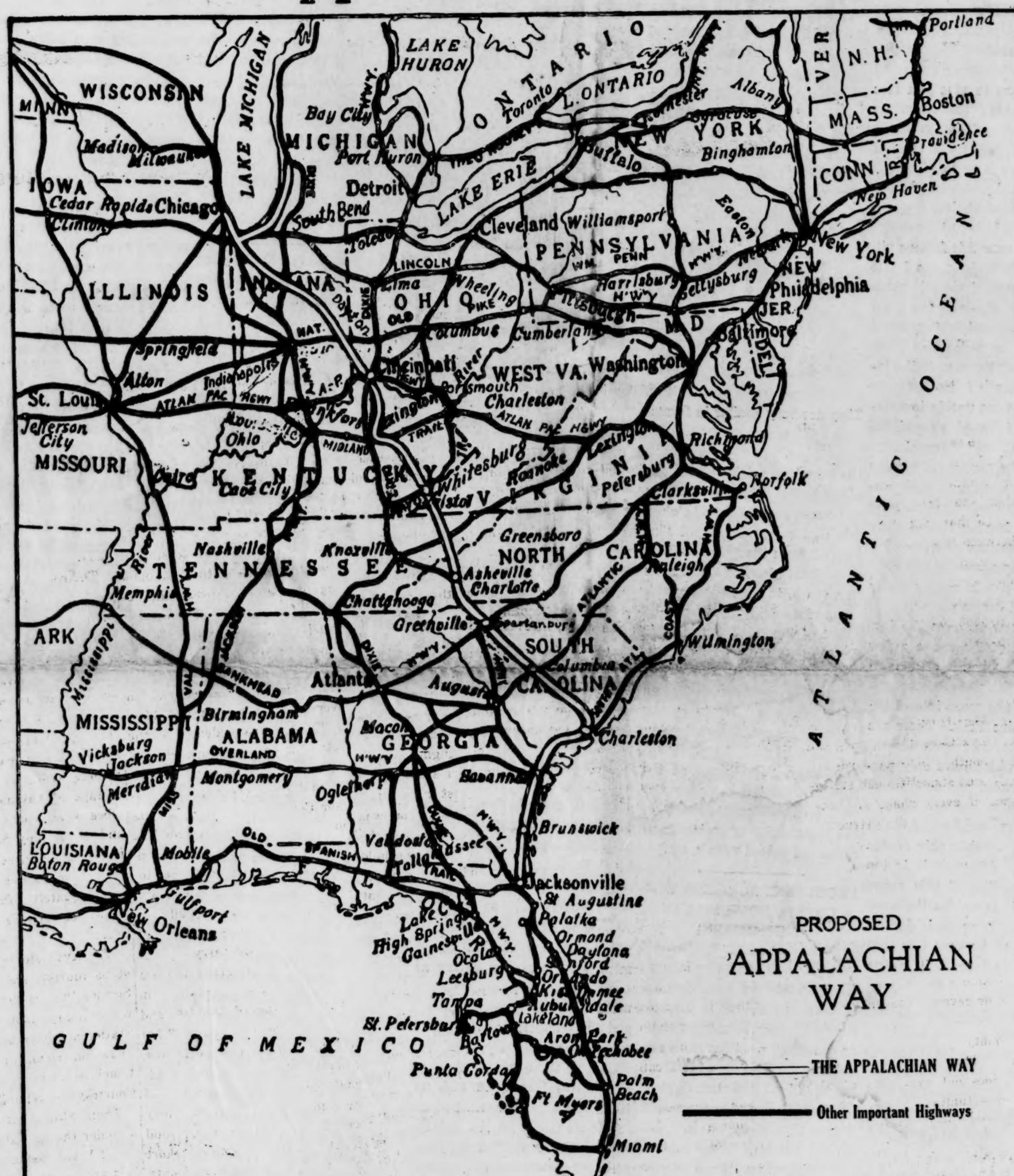
The Appalachian Way is an individual proposition to every man, woman and child along its route. Its importance to Kentucky particularly can hardly be estimated, and in this aspect of the matter it becomes the first duty of all who may be interested in the improvement and development of their sections, to not only attend this Convention, but to realize that the Highway, rapidly as we have worked and accomplished thus far, cannot become a finished proposition without the individual interest and application of those whose communities it will benefit. In other words and in simple words, the people who want this highway must show their interest, their moral and financial support. Thru united effort we can put the proposition over and put it over promptly, but should there be a tendency in any community to leave the work to others, the splendid machinery that we have set in motion will naturally be slowed down.

At the Lexington Convention we will be able to convince anyone and everyone that the work we are undertaking is work that will be fruitful in financial, educational and moral advantage, at the same time will be creative of industry from which all will be a thousandfold recompensed for what they do in behalf of the project. Monte J. Goble, Pres.

Appalachian Way Assoc'n.

## On With the Kyva and Mayo Trails of the Appalachian Way

Need of the Proposed Appalachian Way



WHITESBURG  
"IN THE HEART OF THE HILLS"

### The Appalachian Way

(Lexington Herald)

Lexington will be host to Governors, Lieutenant Governors, State Highway executives and prominent delegates, numbering some two hundred and fifty, from the Lakes to Florida, at the second annual meeting of the Appalachian Way Association to be held in this city Monday, April 5.

Gov. Wm. J. Fields, who has accepted an invitation to address the banquet which will be tendered to the honored guests of the highway association in con-

nnection with the convention, has

urged the Governors, Lieutenant Governors and State Highway Chairmen from the other nine States thru which this national highway passes to be present.

President Monte J. Goble, of Cincinnati, who named the highway at the organization meeting in Winchester more than a year ago, has already received assurance that a strong representa-

tion.

The members of the Kentucky Highway Commission, together with the head engineers from the department at Frankfort will be guests at the banquet, and it is probable that the Federal Bureau of Public Roads at Washington will be represented.

While the route of the Appalachian Way has not been definitely determined in each of the ten States, a matter which will be settled at the approaching conference in Lexington the Kentucky section will take the route of the former L.L.L. highway from Covington to Lexington and the Kyva Highway from Lexington to the Virginia border, passing thru Winchester,

road completed by the time Kentucky finishes the Kyva section of the Appalachian Way.

No more important meeting has ever been held in this city than the approaching convention of the Appalachian Way and Lexington feels honored to be host on this occasion.

The completion of this highway thru Kentucky will not only strengthen the position occupied by this State in the nation's highway system, but is calculated to do more to bring Kentuckians together than any other one thing as the opening the way to Lexington from Southeastern Kentucky means the first thru connection from Eastern to Western Kentucky furnished by

Prominent leaders in Virginia and Tennessee have pushed the highway since the primary national route thru their States of roads was established a few years ago by the legislature and have promised that all barriers will be removed and the for that purpose.

Highway building has made possible the rapid development of the United States. Good roads mean progress, and those responsible for the building of good roads are doing an important work for the country and for humanity. Next to the building of railroads no one thing has helped the country more than the building and opening up of good highways.

Perhaps no highway, the construction of which is being considered at this time, is of more importance than the proposed Appalachian Way. Much of this road has already been constructed or is under contract for construction, and the entire highway can be completed at moderate cost. It will furnish the most direct route from Chicago and the Northwest to Charleston and the cities on the Atlantic seaboard, and to Florida. It crosses all important highways running East and West, thus adding to the value of these intersecting highways. It passes thru the wonderful Bluegrass and Appalachian sections of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, furnishing an additional route between the North and the South, which is not only necessary but imperative, inasmuch as the present highways will not be adequate to take care of the future growth of motor transportation. Aside from the material need of this highway, it opens up one of the greatest scenic sections East of the Mississippi river, which has lacked adequate highways and is destined to become one of the chief recreation spots of a large portion of the people of the country, thru the development of this highway and the establishment of forest reserves by the national government. Perhaps no section of the country affords more beautiful and interesting natural scenery, and it passes thru the heart of one of the greatest coal fields of the United States.

It will facilitate travel between the southern states, the Atlantic Coast and Gulf States, the Middle States, the Lake Regions, the Northwest and Canada. It will become one of the most traveled tourist routes in the entire country, and will form a connecting link between the North and South unequalled by any highway in existence.

Keen interest is being manifested in this proposed highway throughout the entire country, and the Appalachian Way Association has been organized to promote interest in this most useful and scenic highway. By all means this proposed link connecting the North and South should be built at once.

Let the North and the South shake hands over the Appalachian Way. Make it easier for the people of these two sections to mix and mingle with each other, afford them better opportunities to associate together and learn more of each other, and the social and material welfare of both will be greatly enhanced, and the prosperity of the country promoted to a degree not available from any other source.

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Three months of the year 1926 are ready to take their back places on the calendar, and yet the old county of Letcher has no murder or killing to blacken its record. Isn't that pretty good for a county with over 30,000 people?

Thru the great magnanimity of the heart and soul of the Business Mens Club of Whitesburg, this extraordinary issue of the Mountain Eagle is able to wing its way into the heart of the great South. Every article in this issue is written by members of this wide-awake business organization. The advertising is furnished by it almost in toto. We are glad to furnish our readers with such a live issue and trust they will all thank the Business Mens Club for enabling them to get it.

Eagle readers will think it very strange to find no local news in the paper this week, but we would remind them of the fact that if the Great Appalachian Way can be turned through Letcher county it will be worth more to them than all the local news that could be printed in years. The ordinary citizen can scarcely estimate what would be the value of such a highway. The opportunity comes like this but once in a lifetime and it is important that we take full advantage of it.

The towns and cities of Letcher county reached by the Kyva and Mayo Trails of the Appalachian Way are Blackey with a population of 2000 with its immediate environs; Elsico 500, Whitesburg, the county seat, with environs, 3500; Mayking, Sergent, Bastin, Millstone, Kona and Seco 3000, McRoberts 2500, Jenkins, 10,000. These are each industrious, peaceful, healthful and progressive places. Schools and churches of the highest order predominate in all of them. High-class professional and business men, merchants, lawyers, physicians, bookkeepers and stenographers are plentiful. That coal mining is the principal occupation is well known and from this source comes the greater part of the money in circulation. In Letcher county you seldom if ever hear of a miner complaining of his wages. The great mass of them have been employed for years and have learned to respect the heads of the mine operations in their struggles for maintenance. In the days when there is little or no work the miners and their families are looked after and carefully protected. Thus there is a strong communistic spirit ever dominating. Letcher county is proud of this spirit and the people take pride in fostering it.

### CAVES OF LETCHER

Among the many things that present a field for those with a taste for adventure are the caves of Letcher County. The Lime stone Strata that lies about fifteen hundred feet above the valley of the Kentucky River and its tributaries on the Western slope of the Pine Mountain is catacombed and its solidity is broken by dozens of caves and pits that vary in size from a few hundred feet in length and depth to hundreds of yards and probably miles. In fact it is believed that the greater part of this strata is a network of underground channels, only a very small portion of which has been explored or mapped by man.

The Bull Hole, which is merely a pit, is only a very short distance from Whitesburg and less than one mile from the Mayo Trail leading from Whitesburg across the Pine Mountain to the

Cumberland Valley. This pit derived its name from a very singular circumstance. Many years ago a bull, the chattel of a native was missing and while in quest of the animal, he noticed in passing that something had fallen in to the pit. By means of a rope ladder he descended and found the head and hide of the missing bull. The bull had been stolen and the culprit, thinking to escape discovery had used the place as a repository. Thus, the name bull hole. This, however, was long since, and instead of being used as a repository for stolen articles, it is now the involuntary rendezvous for persons with blotted political ambitions. Political defeat and sending a man to the bull hole are synonymous terms. An opponent no longer thinks of defeating his adversary, but his highest ambition and intentions are to give him free passage to this notorious but undesired place. This, in itself, should be of interest to tourists and pleasure seekers, because the scales and skeletons of those who have aspired, but expired, are scattered in luxurious profusion in and near this famous pit. Many whose unfortunate lot it was to be sent, desired to move the scars of battle in the quiet recesses of the mighty surrounding forest, or hide their faces from their fellow man in the inky blackness of its friendly depth, but were unable to withstand the tales of woe of "It might have been," "It could have been," or "It ought to have been," but wasn't, of their unfortunate comrades and gave up the ghost, leaving behind their political skeletons as a warning to those whom traveled this path of uncertainty beset by many terrors and dangers.

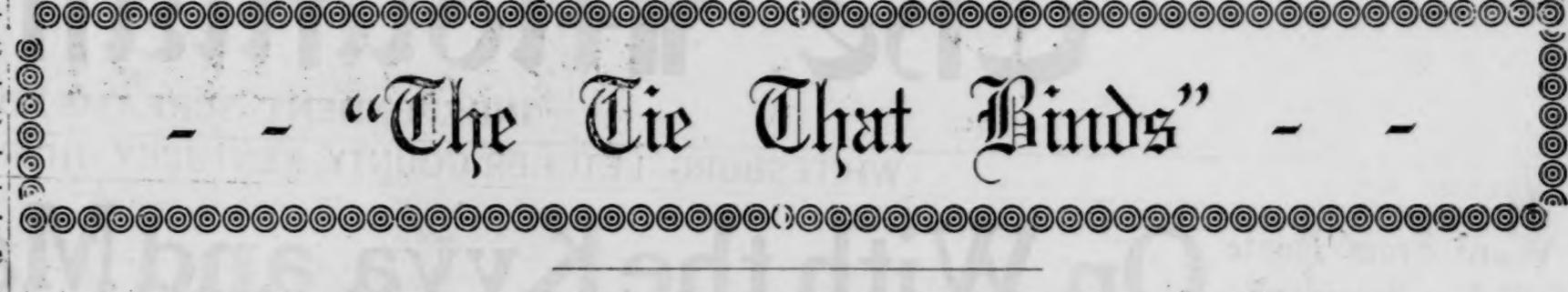
Let us now traverse the jagged slope of the range a few miles to the west and concern ourselves with the more beautiful, if not the more interesting caves of Line Fork. There are six in number, the mysteries and extent of which have only partially unraveled and determined by man. The Buckeye Cave is only a few hundred feet in length and consists only of one chamber. Although it is the least interesting of this group of caves, it is by far the most accessible. Its name is derived from a large buckeye tree that stands at, and partially covers the entrance.

The Little Mammoth was discovered several years ago by a hunter, who noticed that the vegetation several feet above the base of the Limston Cliff was disturbed while in the surrounding forest not a leaf quivered. Being of an adventurous nature he scaled the wall and found a small hole two or three feet in diameter from which rushed the saturated air of unknown regions. Returning on a later day with the necessary implements, he entered the stygian recesses of this handiwork of nature. The extent of this cave is unknown, as very few have dared to venture for more than a mile into its mysterious depths. There are many chambers and passageways, and through the main chamber, a stream of no mean size, dashes, plunges, and trickles its way to the outer world through the exit of the water cave which lies several feet below. Although there is no echo river, the thrill of a cork screw, fat man's misery, Devil's slide, bottomless pits and topless domes are present in profound abundance.

The Dungeon Cave derived its name from the peculiar formation, having the appearance of a mighty dungeon. The opening is eight of ten feet in diameter

# On With the Kyva and Mayo Trails of the Appalachian Way

## "The Tie That Binds"



We who dwell in a twentieth century civilization, accepting the environment of our forefathers as a heritage common to each succeeding generation, might do well to retrospect and weigh carefully and compare the immensurable demands made upon our progenitors by reason of the topographical and geographical location of our old Kentucky Homes.

Let us pause for a moment and turn back the dusty and forgotten pages of Kentucky Mountain History, and once again dwell with the conditions that were, that we may have a full appreciation of the conditions that are. Here was a country, individualistic in its creation, a masterpiece sculptured and fashioned by he who holds our destiny in the palm of his hand.

The Bear and Palace Caves are a considerable distance from those above mentioned and quite a distance from each other. They are very similar in formation and appearance and differ from the others of the group as the Onyx Cave differs from the Mammoth. In these caves are to be seen stalactites and stalagmites of every shape and size, ranging from the flilly structure of a wheat straw that crumbles at a touch, to the imposing Columns of a mighty mansion. The colors of the rainbow and their combination are to be seen in these depths where the light of day has never shown. Thus all the wonders and beauty of any caves or caverns known to man are to be seen in those of Letcher County, "The Heart of the Hills." That tourist or traveler who does not avail himself of the opportunity of seeing these caves will indeed miss much.

### PROMINENT SURGENO PURCHASES HOME SITE IN WHITESBURG

Dr. B. F. Wright, who is prominently identified as a Surgeon of note and ability in Eastern Kentucky, has recently purchased one of the most beautiful corner lots in the city of Whitesburg, and we understand plans to erect a home of our beautiful Native Sandstone on it. Dr. Wright has long been a real estate holder of business properties in our city, and we are indeed glad to hear of the purchase of a home site, as we know this eventually means the addition of another good citizen to our city.

### MASTER COMMISSIONERS SALE

Letcher Circuit Court

Jeff Ism, plff. vs Rich Hampton deft. By virtue of judgment and order of sale made at Jan. term Letcher Circuit Court in above styled cause, I will offer for sale to highest and best bidder at front of Courthouse in town of Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky. on 5 day of April 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. it being County Court day, following property to-wit:

One house situated and being in the State of Kentucky, Co. of Letcher and on what is known as Bull Creek, a tributary of Northfork of Kentucky river, and said house being erected out of the lumber that plaintiff sold to the defendant, upon the upper end of what is known as the Henry Brown farm. Amount to be raised by said sale is the sum of \$112.91 with interest thereon from June 1, 1925, until paid and all cost of this action and sale.

Sale will be made upon a credit of 6 months and purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved surety for payment of purchase price, and a lien will be retained upon the property as additional security. Said bond will bear legal interest from date of sale and have the force and effect of a judgment.

J. L. HAYS,  
Master Com. Letcher Cir. Court

living. He was the exemplify- ntil its echoes reverberated from cation of the Masters creation, every hill and dale. In 1921, the purest of Anglo Saxon blood the demand was so great that a surged through his veins. His \$300,000 bond issue was sub- jected to a logical inventive mitted to the people. Its popu- lation and was endowed with a laity was emphasized by an ov- spiritual power to survive. He overwhelming vote being cast in was king of the realm and lord its favor. 2,547 to 407. More over all he surveyed. Yet there roads were constructed and more contracts let. The order books of the Fiscal Court became, com- laborers. No encouraging voice tinuous pages of orders, auth- orizing purchases of rights of way surveys, estimates and contracts.

The State Highway Commission handicapped by the lack of funds assisted in every way possible in the furtherance of the road building program. By 1924 the demand for more roads was even greater than in 1921. To the end that a second bond issue was submitted in the sum of \$210,000, which also passed with an overwhelming majority of 2,998 to 375.

It was evident from the vote that the opponents of good roads were losing ground. Additional contracts were let. Letcher County was having a semblance of a highway system. The outlying communities were being brought closer and closer together. By this time there was a universal demand that all thru roads in the County be completed and to further carry out the road building program, a third bond issue was submitted in 1925 in the sum of \$200,000, and which carried by a vote of 3,784 to 226. Certainly no better testimonial of faith in good roads could be had than this vote and by comparison it may be easily ascertained that the day of mud roads is passed. Within a short period of time Letcher County has far surpassed her sister counties in road construction.

Three highways now lead from Whitesburg, where once, only a rippling mountain creek indicated a possible way out to the outside world. To the north, one may travel toward the Blue grass and northern cities. To the east one may follow the winding course of the Kentucky River—through Jenkins, one of the most beautiful mining towns in the world—and on to Pound Gap into Virginia the mother state of Kentucky. To the south one may travel thru a section of scenic beauty that in the estimation of many far surpasses the palasades of the Hudson, easily equalling the grandeur of the Rockies in the West, yet retaining for itself an exotic splendor that will weave a spell over the most hardened traveler. Three highways traverse this Euphori- an valhalla. The Kyva Highway, connecting the Blue Grass of Kentucky with the Mother State of Virginia at Pound Gap.

The Mayo Trail connecting the Big Sandy Valley and the headwaters of the Kentucky and Cumberland Rivers, and the Appalachian Way that joins the snow shrouded pines of the north to the sun kissed palms of the south. The twain have met, brother, in a land where the hearthstone will welcome you at eventide by the warmth of its firelight caress, where a hand-clasp will extend a fellowship.

stronger than a mystic sign, where the latchstring dangles during all seasons, on the outside, and bids you come in.—To the heart of our hills.

### LETCHER COUNTY AFFORDS MOST UP TO DATE SERVICE STATION THIS SIDE OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Seeing the need of a first class Service Station in Eastern Kentucky, even in the year 1922, a body of men organized what is known as the Kyva Motor Company.

Their first Service Station was opened at Millstone, Ky., with two mechanics. Since that time they have erected a modern brick Service Station at Whitesburg, Ky., which is fireproof and modern in every respect.

In the Whitesburg Station, there is approximately 9,000 square feet of floor space which affords sufficient space for the storage of automobiles, a shop, office, stock room, a show room and is the only Service Station in Eastern Kentucky that maintains a ladies' rest room, which is adequately furnished and made comfortable in every respect.

The Kyva Motor Company insures tourists and the public a Service that cannot be found in the ordinary small town Service Stations and have built their business and friendship of all the automobile owners on Service.

Courtesy and reliability. Their Station at Whitesburg is under the immediate supervision of Ward Renaker, one of the best automobile men to be found in Eastern Kentucky. The first Service Station which was opened at Millstone is still maintained and the only station on the Kyva Highway between Whitesburg and Haymond, Ky. This Station is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Wm. A. Amerman, a high class mechanic in every respect.

In order that the public may receive the benefits of the best trained men, the Kyva Motor Company sends its mechanics to Service branches of various factories that they may better understand the improvements added and the servicing problems of the present time.

The cars handled by the Kyva Motor Company are the Oakland, Pontiac, Buick and G. M. C. Trucks. While it is true they specialize on the servicing of the above cars, one may feel sure that he will receive efficient service and courteous treatment, whatever make of car he drives.

Wilson S. Renaker, who for the past six years has been in the service of the South East Coal Company as Assistant Auditor, and who is President of the Kyva Motor Company, will devote his entire time to the automobile business in the future. Mr. Renaker, before coming to Letcher County was a automobile man and in the act of his giving his entire time to the Kyva Motor Company merely means that he is returning to the old game.

## TO LETCHER'S MOUNTAINS

Beautiful mountains, how proud you rise  
With lofty summits that pierce the skies,  
Quaint rugged cliffs, and wild grape vines,  
And charming peaks all covered with pines.  
'Twas you, Pine Mountain, and your foothills,  
Your winding brooks, and gushing rills,  
All filled with fish in water most clear,  
That so wonderfully attracts the pioneer;  
And Kenton, and Hooker, and Daniel Boone,  
Made you their choice, made you their home.

Looking Southward from my mountain home,  
Is the Town of Whitesburg, now in full bloom,  
The heart of the mountains and Eastern coal field,  
The most beautiful scenery nature can yield,  
Where lad and lassie love to roam,  
In a land they're glad to call their own;  
Where friends are true and love's divine,  
In the heart of the hills—this home of mine.  
Folks failing in health, come here to rest,  
You'll gain your health, and find the best;  
The strongest, and brainiest people are here—  
The smooth and sturdy old mountaineer.

Beautiful mountains, God's masterpiece,  
Grant not to another my own release;  
Ever keep me where true love abounds,  
In hearts proportioned to thy mounts.  
Only let me wander along thy creeks,  
And winding roads to all thy peaks,  
Where the purest air and sunshine divine,  
Embrace the form of the lone pine.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of execution No 1493 directed to me which issued from Clerks office Letcher Circuit Court in favor of J.J.Lewis vs. D. Smith, Florence Smith, D. G. Lewis and D. D. Smith, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 5, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky. expose to public sale to highest and best bidder the following property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy amount of plff's debt, interest and costs to-wit: Forty two acres of land situated on Low Gap branch of Linefork, adjoining the lands of Swift Coal & Timber Co. and Mary E. Smith being the same land conveyed by J. G. Smith to D. D. Smith. For further description see records of Letcher County Court clerk's office. Amount to be raised \$4548.54 and cost of sale and advertising. Levied on as the property of D. D. Smith.

### Run-Down gave out easily

"MY health wasn't any ac-  
count at all," says Mrs.  
H. L. Clayton, of Washington,  
N. C. "I would start to do  
my housework and I would  
give out before I had done  
anything at all. I did not  
have any strength, and if I did  
the least thing it seemed to  
tax me so I could not finish.  
I was run-down so enough.  
Several of my friends had  
taken Cardui and they said  
to me, 'Why don't you try it?'  
I knew I needed something to  
build up my general health  
and to increase my strength.  
Finally one day when I  
was recovering from a spell  
of sickness, I decided to try  
Cardui. I got a bottle and be-  
gan to take it. I could notice  
that I was improving as my  
appetite got better and I did  
not give out nearly so quick.  
I took several bottles and I  
felt lots better."

"Two years ago I decided  
to take it again. It built me  
up and made me feel like a  
different person. It is the  
grandest medicine for women  
that I know anything about."

### CARDUI For Female Troubles

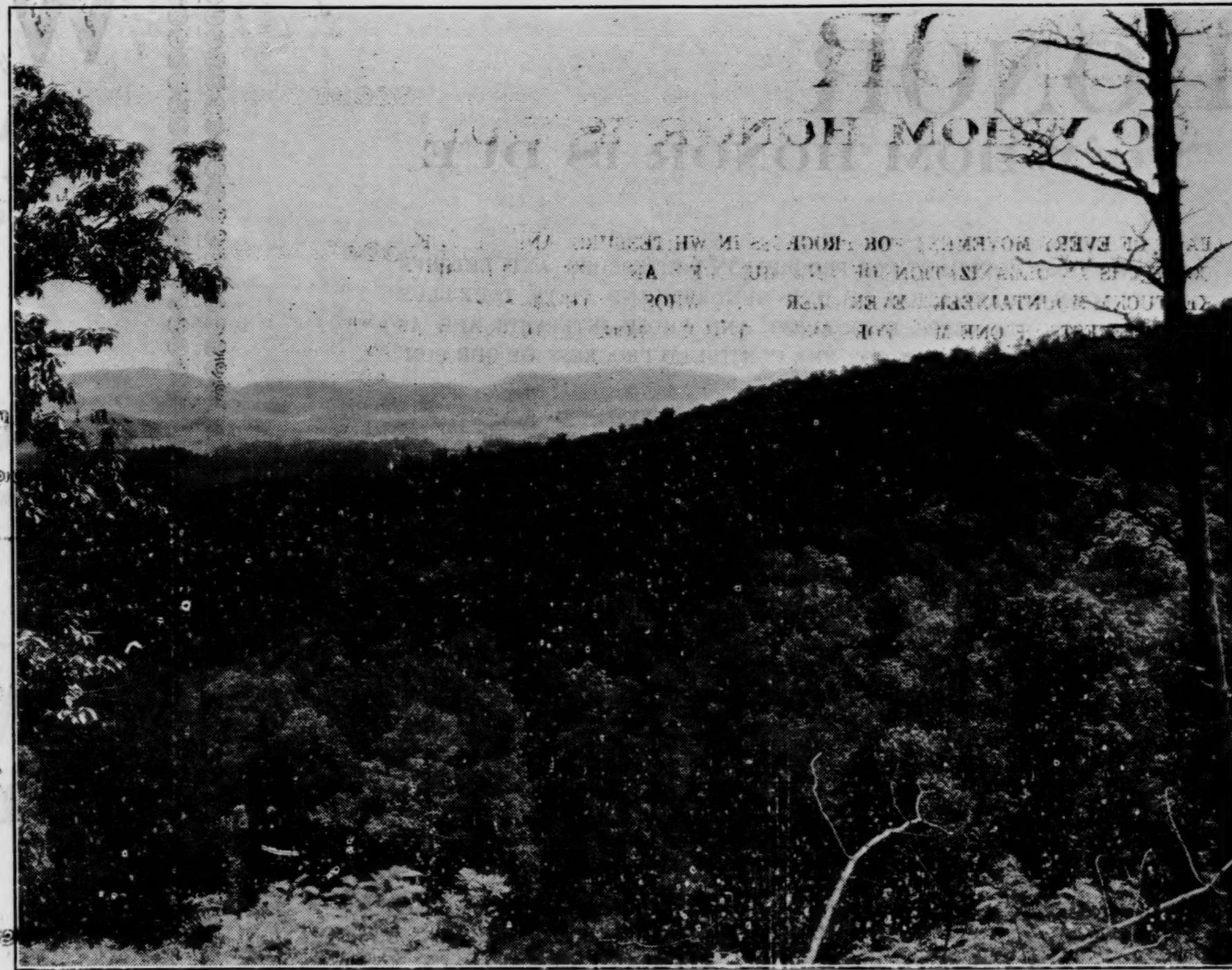
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## YE EVERLASTING HILLS



The mountains of Eastern Kentucky, along the Appalachian Way, are not like the mountains of the west. Twenty-five hundred to three thousand feet above the level of the ocean, they are not the torn and jagged jumble of rocks that comprise the Rockies. In the summer they are carpeted with all shades of green and in the fall in addition to these greens appear all the browns, reds, and yellows of autumn, as if some gigantic painter had used this as his canvas and taken all nature as his theme and made it into an ever changing panorama of color.

With the exception of two ranges, one in Eastern Kentucky, called Pine Mountain, and the other in Western Virginia, called Stone Mountain, the mountains of the Appalachian Way are the result of the wear and tear of the ages, not the consequence of an earth catastrophe. Only Pine and Stone mountains show plainly the effect of a mighty convulsion, and this does not seem to be an upheaval, but the buckling of lateral movement as though the earth had shrunk and there was no longer a place in its crust for all the material that had accumulated. All the rest of these Eastern Kentucky mountains were formed by the slow process of the ages, the wearing away of the surface by the action of heat and cold, wind and water, but more especially by water.

We call them the everlasting hills, but it is only because they are not everlasting that they are hills at all. We view them now, not as a finished product but as a work in the process of formation, as a building partly completed. When the labor is finished and the work is done, they will be hills no longer, but their position will be taken by old ocean, and the everlasting hills will have fulfilled their mission, unless some direful change has come over nature and the action of heat and cold and of wind and water, have at that time, ceased from troubling.

Many millions of years ago, the place on the earth's surface that is now known as Eastern Kentucky, was a shallow lake or sea, at other times it was a low lying plain, and at other times a sea marsh like the shores of Florida or Louisiana. In those times the earth as now was an ever changing scene. This is evidenced by the story of the rocks as we now find them along the mountain sides. At times there was being deposited beds of sand from a few inches to hundreds of feet in thickness, at other times clays or muds were being laid down on this nearly level plain, and then for long periods vegetable material of the nature that grew in profusion in those times was being dropped on the floor of the inland sea.

This process kept on and on until thousands of feet of sand, clay and vegetable matter, that eventually became sandstone, shale and coal, had been laid down on a bed that seems to have been gradually subsiding, so that the floor was usually but little above or below the level of the sea. For millions of years these materials have been accumulating and hardening and then the whole surface seems to have been vertically raised possibly 2000 or 3000 feet and the process was repeated and the rocks that had been formed during the preceding ages were gradually eroded by the weather of the millions of years that have followed.

The oldest man that lives "in the heart of the hills" could not truthfully say that during his life he can see that the river bed averages one inch nearer sea level, then when he first knew it, but the change is there. This plain that was once an unnamed plateau is now a system of mountains with valleys thousands of feet in width and from one to two thousand feet in depth. All these valleys have been caused by the action of the waters that poured through them in the millions of years that have come and gone since the plateau that is now gone forever, was first formed.

To him who has eyes to see, the valley of the Kentucky is one changing panorama of green, brown and yellow, of mountain after mountain and valley after valley. From the top of Pine Mountain, or Big Black Mountain, if the day be clear, crest after crest appears one behind the other like waves of a fretful ocean. To him who has mind to reason and who has a spirit of investigation, will be revealed an enormous quantity of facts. To the Christian, God has inspired earthly spirits to write a book that has been handed

down from generation to generation for the benefit of mankind. For the man who stops to investigate, it seems certain that God has caused to be recorded in another book that may be called the record of the everlasting hills, the history of the earth as it happened millions of years ago. As we see it, this book was closed, and sealed up for ages with the natural cement that seems to be in all loose material and the record was hidden in solid rock, called sandstone, shale and coal. Then came the millions of years of sunshine, frost, rain, wind and flood and the pages of the book were partly opened and their record now lies revealed to be read by him who has the key or can decipher the writing that is contained therein.

On the side of the cliff near the bed of the Kentucky river, at Whitesburg, fully 2000 feet below the tops of the mountains, a solid sandstone tree may be seen. Apparently it stands now just as it stood millions of years ago, its swelling base showed the upper part of the roots extending in either direction just like a tree to today. Its center is of sandstone, its bark has changed to coal. Its top is gone but fully 15 feet of the body of this tree stands on its original base and shows beyond a doubt that ages ago when this place, 2000 feet below the uppermost level of the plateau, was the ordinary surface of the ground, there stood a tree growing as trees grow today, absorbing its sustenance from the ground that afterwards turned to rock along with the cast of the tree itself. All sorts of reminders of things that lived millions of years ago can be found by the person who searches therefor.

The coal seams, the layers of rocks and shale show that beyond doubt the usual mountain of this region is caused by erosion for they lie in a horizontal position, but in Pine Mountain the angle at which the layer of rock are found show that this mountain is not the usual mountain of this section but a mountain whose lower rocks have been tilted so that here the rocks that lie fully 3000 feet below the ordinary surface of the valleys are exposed. Here we have red sandstone, limestone and rock filled with pebbles called conglomerate. No such rocks as these can be found in the Kentucky hills. They are entirely different. Along this ledge of limestone may be found the coves of Line Fork, the bull hole near Whitesburg and numerous other interesting facts and conditions as different from the ordinary Kentucky mountains as are the ever changing conditions of nature.

The usual coal of Letcher county is singularly free from sulphur, making it very valuable in certain industries, but along this Pine Mountain several springs bring to the surface waters of various kinds and many of them of sulphurous content that reminds one of the medicinal waters of Manitou Springs, Colorado and West Baden, Ind., and other places. This we think is due to the fact that in this mountain the seams or fissures extend slantingly toward the bowels of the earth, thus bringing to us in springs the waters that have been impregnated with all sorts of medicinal qualities.

The usual water in the mountain streams is as clear as crystal except immediately after a heavy rain, when it shows for a short time what it can do towards increasing the depth of the valleys. Most of the surface water is much as it came from the clouds except for surface contamination but the water from the neighborhood of Pine Mountain is usually of a strong mineral content.

Near Eolia, Ky., on the Appalachian Way, there is a group of these mineral springs, familiarly known along the Kentucky and Virginia border as Parson's Springs. Hundreds of people have visited these springs annually for the last half century to drink the mineral waters. It is also carried away in large quantities for use of those who cannot come to the springs. Here there are at least three distinct springs within a distance of twenty feet, one with a white sulphur content and an odor of aged eggs, one with a black iron sulphur taste and one as nearly perfect to the taste as can be found on God's great footstool. Some day this spot will be the favorite rendezvous of those who need a renewal of youth.



American railroads are striving to reduce the number of accidents, both among their employees and the public generally.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad employs approximately 52,000 people; about 45,000 of these are employed in hazardous occupations, and it is a matter of pride on the part of this Railroad to state that the number of injuries and fatalities per year is constantly being reduced.

In the year 1923 there were 4,303 injuries among L. & N. employees, with 60 fatalities. During the year 1925 there was a reduction to 2,852 injuries, or one-third, and to 44 fatalities, or one-fourth.

In 1925 the L. & N. handled over 10,400,000 passengers an average distance of about 70 miles, without a single fatality, and with only 9 persons injured, in train accidents. In fact, as convincing evidence of the L. & N.'s remarkable safety record, there has not been a passenger killed in a train accident in the past six years, notwithstanding it has handled over 80,000,000 passengers an average distance of about 60 miles.

Safety devices of every sort are employed in this Company's shops and on every mile of track.

The American railroads are preaching and practicing "Safety First." Let everybody help.



### SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a judgment directed to me which issued from the clerk's office of Letcher Circuit Court in favor of J.N. Clay vs. Mary J. Franklin, Elzy Franklin, Byrd Franklin, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 1, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky. expose to pub-

lic sale to highest and best bidder the following property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plff's debt, interest and costs to-wit: One automobile. Amt. to be raised \$115 and cost of adv. and sale. Attached as the property of Mary J. Franklin, Elzy Franklin and Byrd Franklin.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of executions Nos. 1492 and 861 directed to me, to satisfy the amount of a sale bond, credit of 3 months, bond with fee of Letcher Circuit Court in to-wit: One house and barn, and

favor of Jas. Combs, S. L. C. vs. 4 lots in the town of Blackey, Ky. Wm. Collins, Jas. Stamper and Amt of debt \$1458.57 and cost of adv. and sale. Levied upon as the property of Wm. Collins.

Terms—Sale will be made on a credit of six months, bond with approved security required bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale and having the force and effect of a sale bond. M. T. Reynolds, S. L. C.

By virtue of executions Nos. 1492 and 861 directed to me, to satisfy the amount of a sale bond, credit of 3 months, bond with fee of Letcher Circuit Court in to-wit: One house and barn, and

by Wm. Collins, D. S.

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BACK OF EVERY MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESS IN WHITESBURG AND LETCHER COUNTY IS AN ORGANIZATION OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TRUE-BLUE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINEERS, EVER ALERT, AND WHOSE INTERESTS ARE AS THE INTERESTS OF ONE MAN FOR THE CONTINUED PROGRESS OF OUR COMMUNITY—

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In this special Business Mens Club Edition of the Mountain Eagle the world is given a true picture of our little city and our beloved hills. In appreciation of this and the many other valuable services rendered our community by the Business Mens Club, Whitesburg, Ky., this space is contributed by

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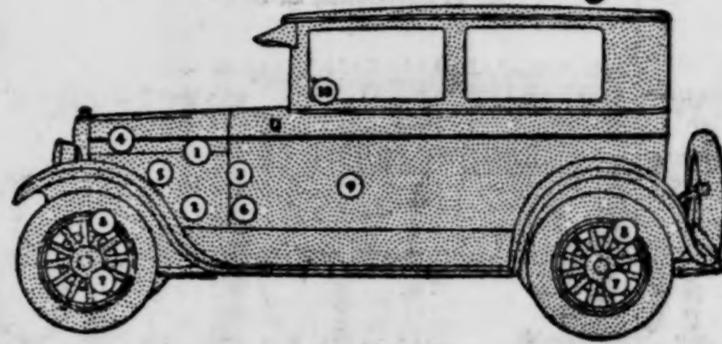
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This brilliant new Oakland Six stands out as the only car combining the advanced engineering features of air cleaner, oil filter, full pressure oiling, four-wheel brakes, automatic spark and The Harmonic Balancer.

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J. M. DAY, Cashier S. K. FAIRCHILD, Assistant Cashier

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Whitesburg, Ky.

CAPITAL - - - \$50,000.00  
Surplus and undivided profits \$55,000.00

The First National Bank of Whitesburg, since its organization, in 1913, has gone forward with Letcher county and Eastern Kentucky, in their improvements. It understands the needs of this section, and with its MILLION DOLLARS in resources, stands ready to meet these demands. Its experience, its size and its record, are proof of its ability to co-operate actively and constructively in the development of a greater and better Letcher County and Eastern Kentucky. Our dominant policy is the constant satisfaction of our customers. LET US SERVE YOU.

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## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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A Progressive Bank in a Progressive Community

We stand for any movement which is for the best interests of our county and State

Deposits January 1, 1916	- - -	\$160,000.00
Deposits January 1, 1921	- - -	\$460,000.00
Deposits January 1, 1926	- - -	\$500,000.00

Capital	- - -	\$25,000.00
Surplus & Profits	- - -	\$50,000.00

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## Whitesburg Is Now a City

Seven years ago Whitesburg was a good, thriving little town, but during the summer months the streets were dry and the dust was plentiful. During the winter the mud was deep, even in front of the National Bank. Prices of real estate were low, and many of us now see where we could have made good money buying lots then and selling them now. We remember how prices have gradually risen and at no time have they declined. We selected a lot for a home. It had been priced at \$400 but when we asked for a price it was put at \$400. We organized a little company to buy some land at \$12,000, but the owner said he could not consider that price any longer. He afterward sold it for \$25,000 or more. And those who bought it sold and made money. We priced some more lots but we considered them too high. They have been sold at advanced figures. And why has there been a constant advance in real estate?

First, Because Whitesburg is the central city of Letcher county, and Letcher is one of the wealthiest counties in the State, its property values running up into the millions.

Second, there is a constant flow of population and money into the county which are being used for the improvement and development of the county.

Third, we are on the line between the Great Lakes and the Southeast Atlantic cities, on the Kyra Trail of the Appalachian Way.

Fourth, Whitesburg has good business men who are combining their energies to make this a great city. The Business Men's Club meets twice a month to suggest ways and means for the betterment of the county and city, and at these meetings all questions pertaining to the general welfare are discussed and action put forth. This Business Men's Club keeps in touch with Clubs of other cities and acts promptly with them for mutual benefits. It keeps in touch with highway developments, public expenditures, and takes a hand in all great movements, except politics.

Fifth, the city has a Woman's Club that is doing much toward planning, beautifying and building the city. We also have a Junior Woman's Club made up of High School girls, who are as serving and helpful as Angels of Mercy, especially in the general betterment of society and especially the cultivation of pure and lofty ideals.

These clubs meet frequently together at banquets, where eloquence and music, laughter and song in harmony blend. We have seen as many as sixty couples enjoining together a sumptuous dinner and for two hours everybody seemed happy and prosperous, and the handshakings and greetings told plainly how every heart felt toward every other, and how free our little city is from "tussles and feuds."

Wonderful things have occurred during the last seven years. The good little town has grown into a good little city. She can now boast of concrete sidewalks and one telephone system with prospects for another, radios in many homes, putting us in direct communication with the current thought and music of the world, telegraph lines, railroads, facilities, carrying passengers, four trains every day, freight drags bearing hundreds of cars of coal every day, powerful electric current for homes and streets, to light up the city, heat water, iron the clothes, sweep the floors, cook our meals, etc.; two new bridges, one concrete and one iron; two wholesale grocery houses, doing immense businesses, meeting competition and making money; a large bakery furnishing bread and cakes to the city other places; four garages, two of modern brick construction; several department stores; two drug stores; many retail grocery stores; two weekly newspapers, The Mountain Eagle and Letcher County Leader, and one monthly, The Black Kat, devoted to education, one religious monthly publication; three fine hotels, including the famous Daniel Boone; big lumber plant; sanitary bottling works; water grist mills; saw and planing mill; two shoe shops, several drygoods stores, undertakers, two furniture stores, millinery stores, two good safe banks, paying divi-

### MOVING ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to our old and new customers that on or after April 1 we will move our stock of goods to the Dr. D. V. Bentley building on the corner of Main street. The store is larger and we will be able to give our customers a better service. Mr. Hush, one of our firm, will soon leave for Cincinnati and New York where he will buy the new spring lines for our new location, ladies' and gents' furnishings, consisting of dry goods, notions, Don't forget to visit our new store when we move. You will find for yourself the most up-to-date styles and designs of ladies' coats and dresses. The building is under construction and as soon as it is completed we will move. The building was formerly occupied by Jim Ventura. Expressing our sincere appreciation to all customers and friends, cordially yours,

CURRY & HUSH.

NEON, KY.

## LETCHER IN THE FALL

I gaze on scenes that hold me thrall,  
And think our God did not intend  
The finite mind to comprehend  
The story of the glory  
Of the mountains in the fall.

There's ever a change to greet us all,  
As fleecy clouds go drifting by;  
And through the pine trees zephyra sigh,  
To stir the fountains in the mountains  
Of Letcher in the fall.

Stir the fountains of deep thought,  
By our Autumn splendor brought—  
How the chipmunk knows so well  
Where to hide his stores and tell  
All the folk with friendly brook  
That today they're hid away  
In Letcher in the fall.

Thoughts of how the manifold  
Leaves, that turn to brown or gold  
Know what color they should be  
E'er they cut their branch and fall  
From the trees in the breeze  
In Letcher in the fall.

How the purple glens replying  
To the pine trees gently sighing,  
Send afar o'er cliff and scar,  
Where the forest nuts fall—  
A message by the breeze to the trees  
On the mountains in the fall :

How God has made our people  
Like our mountains in the fall;  
When youth is gone and age steals on,  
We grow old gracefully,  
And live on peacefully,  
Where hore supernal springs eternal,  
In the mountains in the fall.

From the shadow of the plains,  
The dismal rolling plains  
That extend from the mountain to the shore  
Let your hopes be lifted evermore  
By the everlasting call  
From the mountains in the fall.

Now when we consider all,  
It is perhaps just as well  
That no human tongue can tell  
The story of the glory  
Of the mountains in the fall.

## AUTUMN IN THE HILLS

Words are very ineffectual pinnacle, three miles above the things with which to describe the city of Whitesburg, from which the splendor of the hill country in you look out over hundreds of fall. Its glory must be seen to thousands of acres of what looks to be appreciated. When the big forest puts on its coat of gold and brown, and all the other brilliant hues, rising as it does on its natural amphitheatre, above the beauty of the hills in springtime, the full green plenitude of summer, the yellow, red and gold of autumn, to the white-top mountains in winter, all tending to elevate, ennoble and strengthen character and make the heart glad.

Our school is noted for the intelligence of the children; their splendid health, we think, largely due to the pure water they drink, both cistern and city, to the health exercises given them in school, to the large play ground, and to the happy, contented disposition of the children, to the beauty of the hills in springtime, the full green plenitude of summer, the yellow, red and gold of autumn, to the white-top mountains in winter, all tending to elevate, ennoble and strengthen character and make the heart glad.

Our forests in the fall please of such grandeur throws up his every human sense—the eye by hands and says "impossible." Each of the many varieties of tree by the rustle of the new-fallen leaves and the sound of falling nuts; the touch by the soft tread of the trackless soft on the hilltop and pick out, on a moss; the smell by almost every neighboring ridge the many kinds of trees by their different taste by the berry, the wild grape, the chestnut and walnut.

Add to these that nameless feeling of the air, the inspiration,

the uplift to higher thought and living and you have the mountains in the fall.

But the joy is not all in the seeing. He who has not taken a stroll in the forest on the mountainside in the fall, has missed one of the greatest pleasures that nature has provided for man.

There is a nameless something in the lure of the woods, that leads you on and on, you know not why, unless it is the soft whispering of the breeze as it gently covers your path with the falling leaves. The sound of dropping nuts, the sharp bark of the squirrel, the scream of an occasional jay and the twitter of the migratory birds as they bid good-bye to their familiar haunts to begin the southern journey, all these add to the glory of an autumn day in the mountains.

FOR RENT—AT ONCE Desiring to engage in other business, I will rent the Blackey Restaurant, for sometime run by me, including all fixtures and 11 rooms upstairs in the building. Best business place in town. Possession given as soon as rented. Apply to Mrs. Lydia Jenkins, Blackey, Ky.

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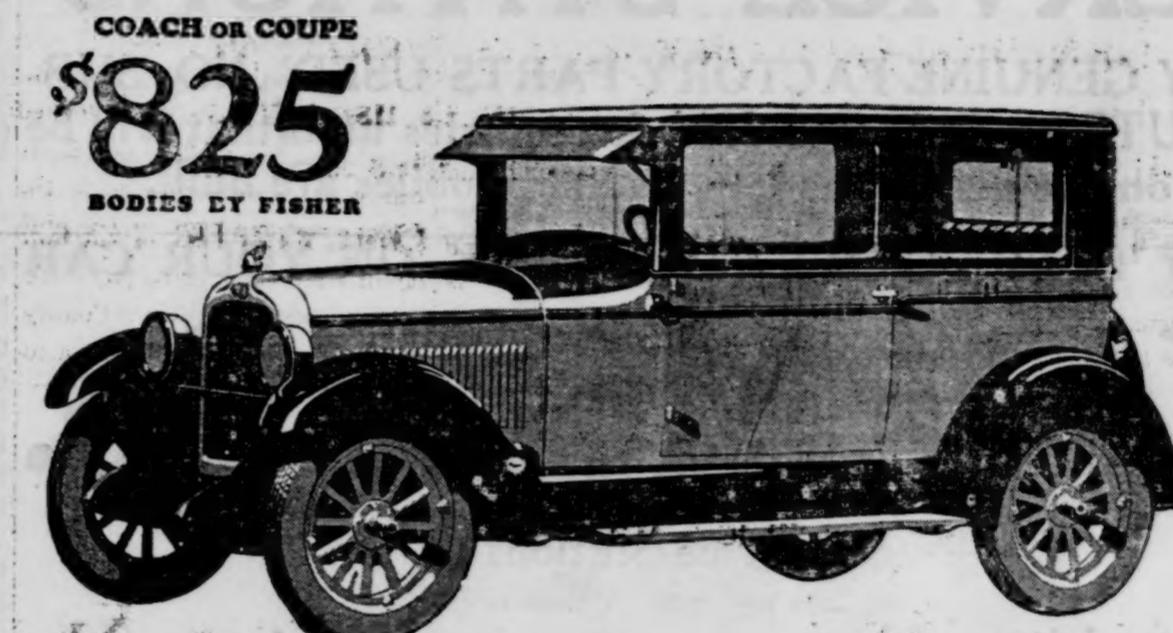
## Letcher County Schools

There are about 100 Common Schools in Letcher county, under the management of Supt. Geo. Clarke, one of the leading educators of Kentucky, long in charge of the Normal School at Hindman. Prof. Clarke is an enthusiast for the three R's and stresses them in directing his teachers.

There are about a dozen graded schools in the county, located chiefly along the L. & N. R. R.

There are a dozen or more high schools in the Jenkins, McRoberts, Fleming and Burdine sections, under the management of Prof. Leon B. Stephan, supported by the county and supplemented by all money needed by the Consolidation Coal Co. These schools, altho a unit in one sense, are rivals among themselves in athletics, debates and other school activities. Prof. Stephan has been in charge about five years. The high school at Seco, conducted by Prof. Nevills W. Finch, encouraged by the Southeast Coal Co. and Henry Pfeiffer, is live and progressive. The Stuart Robinson School, Blackey, which has grown and prospered for years under the leadership of Prof. Tadlock, is now under the supervision of Prof. W. Lee Cooper, and is located on Rockhouse Creek one mile above the

town of Blackey, where it has hero of Argonne Forest, a native splendid new modern buildings. Letcher boy, stood with the Governor and some eight or ten acres of land, and is the equal of any prominent men from various regions and from that eminence viewed the world or at best as much of it as the soul could bear at one instance. Sergeant owned the land around the summit, and out of the goodness of his heart and for the benefit of the mountain boys and girls, he then gave as a site for a College this sky-kissed region. And in the name of the State the Governor received, it and soon thereafter the College was incorporated, and the land about the Gap went up in prices as it was already up in altitude. Now the Board of Trustees are planning to build a College up on the top of this wonderful mountain. Already donations and gifts are pouring in and before long a real old-time college for boys and girls will be available. It will be removed from the noise of the city, from its temptations and attractions, and students will have for their thoughts the sciences and arts of the ages, the classics of Greece and Rome, and a scenery that would inspire Demosthenes and Socrates and which will produce, we predict, some of the greatest men and women of our next generation.



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**Millstone**

**Whitesburg**

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CHIEF OF THE SIXES



SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of execution No.

1559, 1560, 1563

directed to me which issued from the Clerk's office of the Letcher Circuit Court in favor of Hen Lumber Co. and West Virginia Brick Co., vs.

A. K. Franklin & Wilse Franklin, or one of my deputies will on Monday, April 5, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. at Courthouse door in Whitesburg, Ky., expose to public sale to highest add. bidder the following property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy amt. of plff's

debt, interest and cost towit:

Three tracts of land lying and being in Letcher Co. Ky., and described as follows: First tract, one house and lot in town of Whitesburg, Ky. where A. K. Franklin now lives. Second tract, lying on waters of Colly Creek, Letcher county, Ky., beginning at a stone about 300 ft of Susan Bentley's house, adjoining lands of Wilson Serpent's heirs, and Elihu Blair. Third tract, beginning at a point on L. & N. right of way, and adjoining lands of Letitia and D. D. Frazier. These three tracts being the same land conveyed by A. K. Franklin to Wilse Franklin, by deeds dated

Feb. 2 1925, deed book 67 page 276 records Letcher Co. Court Clerk's office. For complete description of above property see above records. Amt. to be raised \$1,314.33 and cost of adv. & sale. Levied on as the property of Wilse Franklin.

Terms, Sale will be made on a credit of six months bond, with approved security required, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of sale cent per annum from date of sale and having the force and effect of a sale bond.

This March 12 1926.

M. T. Reynolds, S.L.C.  
By Bob Wright, D.S.

# ON WITH THE KYVA AND MAYO TRAILS OF THE APPALACHIAN WAY

## Spring Sunset--In the Hills

The opaline haze of a bright meshes of silver braid. Honied sunset faded into the purple blossoms feed on drops of dew mystery of twilight. Apollo, as the crystal moonbeams trans the great sun god, disappeared from the dew to diamond jets, behind the horizon taking with Purple-faced violets and their him his mighty chariot and his fiery steeds. The lonely orchid maiden, whom mortals call the moon, chased the sanguine sunset to its hiding place, and when the evening light under heaven's serenity is about to be concealed one gazes to behold nature's masterpiece of art and sculptor, then listens to but hear the loveliest of music.

Neath the now purple twilight mountains rise in majesty. As spacious halls carpeted in green velvet, and decorated with flowers of every variety they appear. Purple vined and moss covered rocks bedeck the carpet until the decoration reminds one that a great festival must be near. One after another these mountains rise until far into the distance they appear as only a banks, to the beauty enchanted crystal mist. A silvery, serpent stream mercifully cuts its way husky branches, where singing thru green grass and checkered shadows of giant oaks, maples, pines and poplars—as the last rays of a spring sun sinks in its oriental splendor.

In the evening stillness the flute-like call of mating birds sound forth accompanied by the rippling water's echo, furnishing a most harmonious orchestra for the great festival, "Spring," while the south winds softly caress and kiss the cheek of each gigantic tree, and as they wane in breezy riot re-echo "Welcome, Sweet Springtime!" A swarm of fireflies glitter as if tangled

in the earth—to soar above the clouds, to bathe in the elysian dew of the rainbow and to turn to the deep blue heavens only to thank the hand that so well put them there and to say:

In the midst of all their splendor Letcher Mountains rise profound,

May they thru the coming ages Be symbol of renown.

May the battles they have conquered

As they've struggled day by day,

End with one great gift of man,

In the Appalachian Way.

## Wonderful Financial Growth of Letcher

The wonderful growth of the finances of Letcher County will be shown by the following statements. The upward stride of our finances have been steadily increased since 1910. The writer recalls that in 1910 Letcher County had two banks, a total of \$75,000.00 Capital Stock, and total resources of \$130,000.00.

At that time, to secure a loan of one thousand dollars and upward meant for some of our wealthiest land owners to go down to Richmond, Ky., and mortgage their property for the amount wanted. A loan of one thousand dollars to any one individual about that time, looked like an enormous sum, and there was great speculation as to the solvency of the loan, or the ability of the borrower to pay. Today we have in Letcher County, five big hearty banks, with a to-

tal Capital of \$200,000.00 and total resources of approximately three million dollars, to be specific, their January statements showed resources of \$2,965,000, a net jump of \$2,835,000.

Instead of going to the Blue Grass section for our accommodations, the Blue Grass section is now coming to us for their loans. The man of 1910, who had saved his life time earnings and had accumulated some \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 in cash was considered a very wealthy man. Of course we had wealthier men whose wealth was in real estate, but money pure and simple, was very scarce.

The financial upbuilding of our county has been largely due to the influence of these five big banks, in bringing in foreign capital, using their resources in advancing developments of our natural resources, which are unlimited, and their progressiveness in advocating, aiding and assisting in the building of good roads. The officers, stock-holders and practically every man interested in the financial institutions are good roads boosters, and are very enthusiastic in their work.

They have stood by the county officials in their road projects, not only lending their efforts to good road work, but their capital and resources as well. By doing so, they have brought new capital into the county, new developments and caused a regular influx of money into the vaults of their banks. The average savings account of 1910, of \$100 has gone into figures of five and six columns.

With the regular influx of money, has come better roads, and with the better roads has come the automobile, and with the coming of the automobiles, the demand for more and better roads and better hotels to accommodate the tourists and sightseers of which our county is filled to overflowing. The natural scenic beauty of our hills and mountains, the clear water falls and good fishing, the underground caves and mountainous natural formations brings the tourist and holds them spellbound. With the great influx it has become necessary to build new hotels, better schools and better churches. Every crossroad and every point of scenic beauty is now accessible, and accommodations prepared to take care of this wonderful change in the county. Spacious hotels have been erected to take care of the incoming tourists, development, industries and those interested in our great scenic beauties and our Black Diamond (coal) industries.

This is a wonderful county, and the visitors from places like Yosemite Valley, Hot Springs, Ark., French Lick Springs and the Palm Beach sections of Florida, who have parked their cars in Letcher's domain, unusually wire home to the folks to sell the home and come to Kentucky to stay. The POST SCRIPT, usually added to the telegram is, "If you can't get our price take theirs, as money is plentiful here, easy to get, and cheap to live. You can live in Letcher County one year on the people's hospitality, the second year on fifty cents and the third on a credit. Should you happen to die here, which looks impossible, unless you have an accident, they bury you free."

We live among the mountains, and the fond familiar faces that ed the way for Christianity by their rugged summits salute us seem such an eternity across the wilds.

SCENE 2. The pioneer preacher has been joined by the flock who followed him. The men are hewing the huge logs.—There is a house raising.

SCENE 3. The log church is finished. The people are gathering for worship. As they stack their rifles at the door, there is a sigh of relief, for they are at last free to worship God, according to the dictates of their own conscience.

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Last year Leonard Boggs raised a pumpkin that weighed 105 pounds.

Kenton Fairchild gathered 487 pounds of pumpkins from a single vine.

In 1924 Hiram Williams raised an sold \$587.00 worth of watermelons on half acre ground. Besides, Mr. Williams gave to friends and neighbors many dollars worth free.

Last year Colonel Polly sold \$254 worth of strawberries raised on one-fourth acre.

In 1925 Evans Hammons, of near Whitesburg, gathered and sold \$53 worth of peaches from five year old trees.

Last year Simon J. Hale, of our city, gathered 38 Keiffers from one tree that made a heaping bushel.

These are only a few of the facts that could be recited. Suffice it to say that Letcher county produces the finest crops of apples, peaches, pears, and all other kinds of fruits, and especially in the highland sections of which there are thousands of acres. Cabbages, beets, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, and all other usually cultivated vegetables grow as well and as fine as anywhere in Kentucky or the South. Only in the last few years has the light of the great possibilities of this section as to a great fruit and vegetable growing industry dawned and our citizens are taking more and more to its importance.

We confess that ordinarily the regular run of a weekly newspaper does not reflect such a amount of the real intelligence of its readers. The literary acumen of professional and business men is seldom expressed in a literary way and few people are able to know just how deeply they think or how well they are versed in the expression of their innermost thoughts. Thru the Eagle this week, a few only of our intelligent local citizens are given an opportunity to express themselves. All the articles come off the press just as handed to us.

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# ON WITH THE KYVA AND MAYO TRAILS OF THE APPALACHIAN WAY

## Letcher Gap of the Appalachian Way

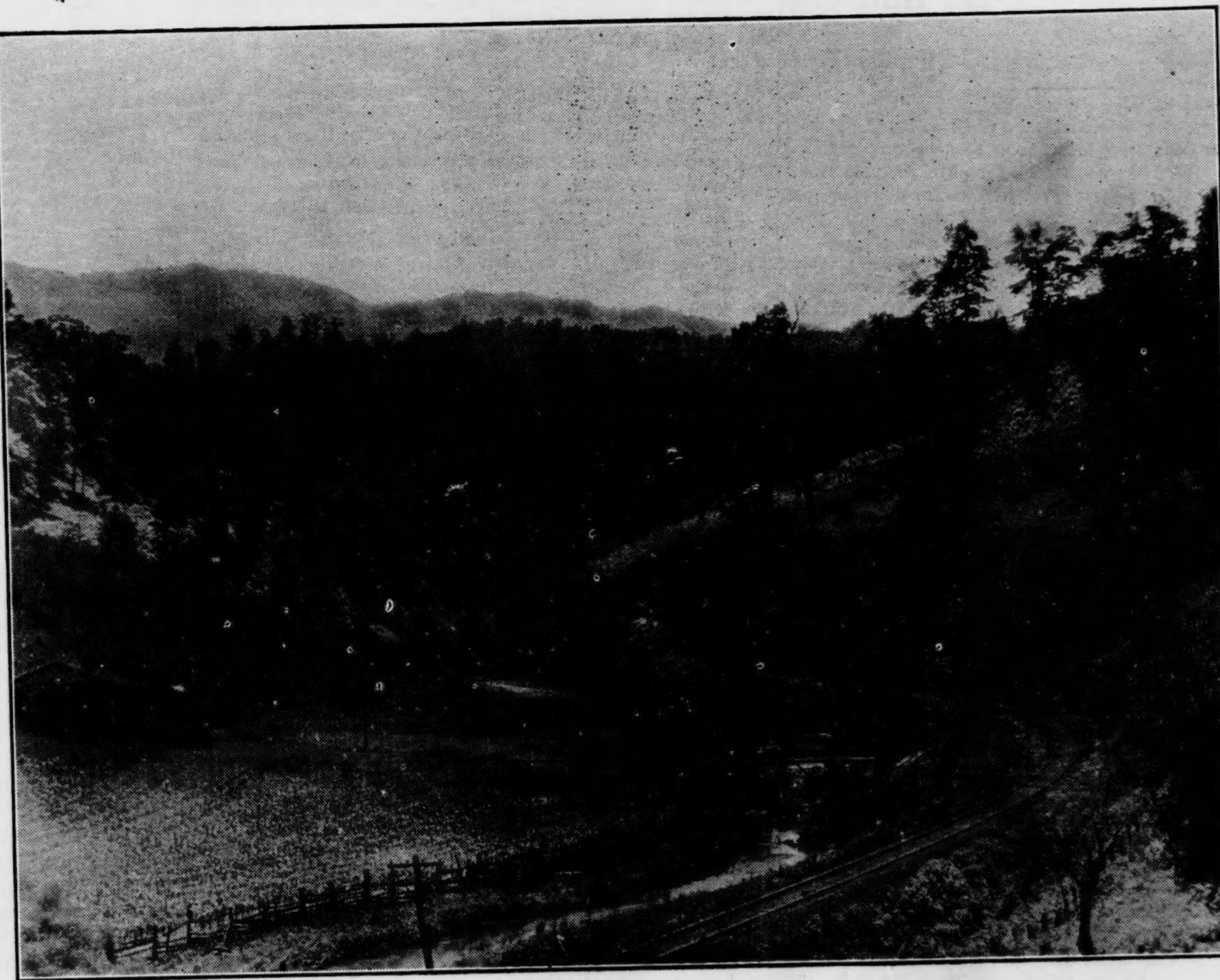
People of the United States hills and valleys that may be seen from any direction, and especially looking east, west and north. To the south the great Black Mountains of Virginia rear their hoary heads to a point where the onlooker must feel the loneliness of Daniel Boone as he broke the way across this mountain to the Kentucky territory. Wildcats, possums, foxes, squirrels, wild turkeys and many other wild animals and fowls may be seen at most any season of the year. Squirrel shooting is a great sport in this section and it is an uncommon thing to see a hunter walk in with ten or fifteen squirrels after having been into the dense woodland only a few hours.

The Kentucky and Cumberland rivers furnish good fishing to those desiring this sort of sport, speckled and black bass dominating the two streams and like the sturdy, robust Anglo-Saxon mountaineers, these fish are really jolly good fellows if you once make their acquaintance. It is here that the late John Fox traveled, looked, and thought and wrote his wonderful books, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," and "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come."

The admirable characters of both books may be found now living in this county where it is a pleasure for all visitors to actually talk with the particular person who is very much admired, and who is the real man that was once the boy with his dog referred to in "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," and for whom we all had a tender feeling in our hearts and a wish that we could help him out of his great troubles. At his advanced age he can still relate the story of his early boyhood with much interest to all. Close to the Gap in the mountain range and which is within a thirty minute drive, is the richest coal field that time has yet discovered. This Elkhorn field is producing several million tons of coal each year and some of the largest companies in the world give employment to thousands of people, all of whom are and have been content with good wages and living conditions since the beginning of the business in 1910-11. The county has nearly doubled its population in the last five years and is still growing by leaps and bounds. Every convenience from the strongest banks in Kentucky, better schools, better churches, pure clean sparkling water, pure food and all things to protect and make home life happier is found in this section.

Again at this particular mountain spot an enormous Mountain College is to be erected to accommodate the boys and girls of this county as well as neighboring counties and States with the A. B. and B. A. degrees and place into the world some of this mountain talent which is descended from our forefathers who landed at Jamestown, Va., in 1607. This school is to be maintained by donations and endowments together with the income earned by the school in the manufacture of chairs, baskets, various carved ornaments, the raising of sheep, cattle and hogs, and the growing of fruits. At this altitude where there is constant sunshine from dawn until night there is very little uneasiness about sickness, and to see the strong, red-faced, barefoot boys and girls gives thought to "Maud Muller," and the traveler will pause to admire their perfect health and forms.

Here on this mountain the people from the north and south may find plenty of space to build their own homes and spend



their holidays and vacations in enjoying this mountain grandeur, pure air and water which is not contaminated by the wheels of industry, smoke and fogs of the valleys. Perfect accommodations in the way of radio, telegraph, telephone, electricity, etc., will make the traveler suffer no scruples that something may be wrong at his business or home about which he might not know were it not for these accommodations. A large park will be located and hunting, fishing, good movies, and all other entertainments tending to divert the mind from business or worry will be maintained for the residents and visitors.

With the good roads penetrating this section, the most select spots for factories and other businesses and the proposed connection of the L. & N. with the C. I. & O., which is now conceded a reality, gives hope to the neighboring States which do not have sufficient employment for their people that just across the hills in this county they may find comfort and prosperity which is an aspirant for all thinking people.

### MASTER COMMISSIONERS SALE Letcher Circuit Court

J. A. Fay and Egan Co. pliffs, vs. Wilse Franklin and A. K. Franklin, etc., defts.

By virtue of judgment and order of sale made at Jan term Letcher Circuit Court in above styled cause, I will offer for sale to highest and best bidder at front of Courthouse in town of Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Ky. on 5 day of April 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. it being County Court day, following property to-wit:

One J. A. Fay and Egan Co. No. 2 plainer and matchetwork three sides up to 12 in. wide and 4 in. thick, and top head to work 24 in. wide and 6 in. thick, equipped with one pair of gun metal, matchet head on side, side spinners and one 24 in. square cylinder and one pair of knives c/s with tight and loose pulleys and one set of internal belting. Amount to be raised by said sale is the sum of \$400 with interest from March 25, 1924, until paid, and all cost of this action and sale.

Master Com. Letcher Cir. Court  
Sale will be made on credit of three months and purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved surety for payment of purchase price, and a lien will be retained upon the property as additional security. Said bond will bear legal interest from date of sale and have the force and effect of a judgment.

J. L. HAYS,

## - - "In the Heart of the Hills" - -

There are an hundred and one interesting things to be seen and done in picturesque Eastern Kentucky, already far-famed in song and story. Especially interesting is Letcher county with its beautiful mountains and hills, rivers and valleys, its virgin forests and acres of black diamonds.

Letcher county is located in Southeastern Kentucky and is surrounded by the counties of Pike, Knott, Perry and Harlan, in Kentucky, and Wise county, in Virginia—"IN THE HEART OF THE HILLS." The county has a population of about 30,000 and an area of 332 square miles. The coal acreage of the county is approximately 187,000 acres, and the timber acreage 150,000 acres.

The county is traversed by the Pine Mountain and Big Black Mountain, ranges of the Cumberland Mountains of the Appalachian System. Having their source in these mountains and within Letcher county are the Big Sandy, the Kentucky and Cumberland rivers, and in Wise county, Virginia, are the Pound, Guests and Powell rivers sources are in these same mountains. Literally speaking Letcher county is "on top of the world." I cannot imagine a more interesting trip to one interested in scenic beauties, nature studies, geology, or the development of the natural resources, than a trip touching the headwaters of all the six rivers named. This trip can be made in about six hours, and there are so many points of interest I do not think it out of place to give briefly an outline of it here.

From Whitesburg, the county seat, itself an interesting little modern city, nestled in the valley of the North fork of the Cumberland, "A Cum-

berland Vendetta" and his "Happy Valley" stories. A lady in commenting on the many interesting features of the trip remarked, "It is no wonder that John Fox, Jr., wrote interestingly of this section."

Letcher county ranks third among the 36 coal producing counties of Kentucky. Nestled among the hills are forty-six coal operations having a total capacity of 47,375 tons or 900 cars daily. These operations are served by the Louisville & Nashville Railway along the Kentucky River Valley and the Chesapeake & Ohio along the Big Sandy. Much hardwood lumber and logs are being shipped over the L. & N. lines.

The payrolls of the mining and timber industries approximate a half million dollars each month.

There are three National and two State Banks in the county, which on December 31, 1925, showed total resources of about \$3,000,000.

The total assessed valuation of the county, 1925, was \$22,534,440.

Considerable attention is being given to agriculture especially to fruit growing. Conditions are favorable for growing fine crops of apples, peaches, small fruits and berries. Market gardening is a profitable industry with unexcelled markets at hand. With the Kyva Highway, a State road, from the Knott-Perry border to Whitesburg, where it joins the Mayo Trail from Big Sandy Valley, via Whitesburg to the Harlan county coal field, these markets are accessible to every section of the county.

It is interesting to note the location of Whitesburg and Letcher county with reference to the

great centers of population and the trunk line highways. For instance, a direct route from Detroit, Mich., to Tampa, Fla., would pass thru the county, as would a direct route from Chicago to Charleston—a direct route from Norfolk, Va., on the Atlantic coast, to San Francisco, on the Pacific coast.

Letcher county and the mountains of Eastern Kentucky have long been considered isolated from the rest of the country, but the barrier—bad roads—have been removed. She has spent millions of dollars on her highways.

It has often been said, and it is true, that the purest blood of the Anglo-Saxon race is to be found in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. It can also be truthfully said there cannot be found in all America a more hospitable people. The latch-string is on the outside. Edward C. Downing has well expressed the sentiment of the true mountainer:

I am dreaming of Kentucky,  
Where the mountains rise and rise,  
And the heart of man is happy  
In the sunshine of the skies."

"Men are men of word and honor,  
Women virtuous as God,  
Full of kindness, faith in heaven,  
And the good that makes them odd."

"I can hear the echoes calling,  
Like a mother to her child,  
And I answer, 'I am coming  
To my native wood and wild,' "

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